

Privacy Notice for The Local Plan

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The reason we use your data

The local planning authority is required under planning regulations to publish a detailed statement on representations received after each consultation stage (Regulation 18 and 19). Individuals' names and organisation names may be published within these reports for reasons of transparency. These reports are required to be submitted to the Secretary of State as part of the plan Examination process.

Other reasons are to:

enable us to carry out specific functions for which we are responsible, for example collecting comments on consultations

derive statistics for monitoring progress in respect of the Local Plan and/or supplementary plans and to inform their evidence

provide statistics to government departments as required for example annual housing completions

Whilst the majority of the information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the data protection legislation, we will inform you whether you are required to provide certain information to us or if you have a choice in this.

What Information we collect

The categories of information that we collect, process, hold and include:

Personal information:

name

address

email

telephone number

business, organisation; and agent details

special category data (age, gender, ethnicity and disability) which we will not share with anyone

In relation to age, gender, ethnicity and disability data we collect this information based on your explicit consent and will never share these individual details publicly.

The lawful basis for this is UK GDPR - Article 9 (a) explicit consent.

Purpose

We collect and use this information for the purposes of carrying out our statutory functions under The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Section 19).

Under Article 6 of the UK GDPR the lawful basis is:-

6 (c) Legal Obligation

Plan-making and related

The council needs to meet the provisions of various planning acts, regulations and guidance including the:

Localism Act (2011)

Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004)

National Planning Policy Framework (2018) and associated regulations

Who we can share your data with

In submitting an objection or representation it should be noted that your personal data (such as names and addresses) and correspondence will be passed to Secretary of State and shared as part of our consultation statement to enable your objection or representation to be considered.

If you do not wish your personal data to be shared, please state your reasons when submitting your objection or representation and the council will copy your representations, with your name and address removed, to the Secretary of State and to our consultation statement.

If there is to be a public local Inquiry they will be seen in that form by the public and the Inspector, who may give them less weight as a result and result in yourself not being part of the Examination In Public (next stage of the local plan process).

When computers make any decisions about you

Not applicable

How long we keep your data for

We keep records in line with the Council Retention Schedule, and we hold your data for the duration of the process plus five years (or until the Local Plan is reviewed, whichever is longer).

Requesting access to your personal data

Under data protection legislation, you have the right to request access to the information that we hold about you. To make a request for your personal information please contact the Council's Data Protection Officer at dataprotection@rother.gov.uk.

You also have the right to:

- object to processing of personal data that is likely to cause, or is causing, damage or distress
- prevent processing for the purpose of direct marketing
- object to decisions being taken by automated means
- in certain circumstances, have personal data rectified, blocked, erased or destroyed
- claim compensation for damages caused by a breach of the data protection regulations

If you have a concern about the way we are collecting or using your personal data, we request that you raise your concern with us